

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2294**  
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METHOD FOR IMMOBILISING  
MICROORGANISMS, RELATED  
MATERIAL, AND USE THEREOF  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

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